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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:I believe strongly that the Microsoft Corporation is one of America's greatest assets. It is a company that provides constantly improving products that help make tens of millions of people more productive, happier, and richer. We live in an increasingly global economy. When the U.S. Government attacks and tries to cripple a domestic company that has become "too" successful, there is no shortage of foreign competition that will gladly step in to take market share, unencumbered by governments with beliefs in forced "equality" between corporations, regardless of the value or contributions that the companies make. Microsoft has never harmed me. Its products have enhanced my life tremendously. If Microsoft is a monopoly, why does it continually improve its products and lower its prices? For the good of the American economy and consumers everywhere, please settle with Microsoft as soon as possible. Doesn't the U.S. Government have better things to do than fight one of the best things that has ever happened to this country? Sincerely,